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 Mr. Philip W. Thayer, Dean
 School of Advanced International Studies
 of the Johns Hopkins University
 Conferences for Corporation Executives
 1900 Florida Avenue, N. W.
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Dear Phil:

Thank you very much for your letter of 4 September inviting me to attend the forthcoming Conference for Corporation Executives on the "Business Outlook in the Middle East."

As much as I would like to join you on this particular occasion, I am planning to be out of the country at that time, and therefore must regretfully decline your invitation. However, I should like to send one of my senior economists, [redacted] to the Conference as my representative. Please let me know if this arrangement is not satisfactory with you.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
 Director

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